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(*f*) whether the Government propose to undertake and complete all the investigation work that is needed to be done in the river-bed at the dam-site before 31st March 1928; and if not, why not?

*A.*—The position was explained to the hon. Member in the discussion on Resolution No. 12 on 27th February 1928.

(*a*) The Government have no exact information.

(*b*) The revised estimates contemplate expenditure of Rs. 15,000 this year.

(*c*) The budget allotment is Rs. 15,000, but that may be exceeded if a separate division is formed or has been proposed.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) A trench is being dug along the whole length to lay bare the foundation for the Geologist's next visit: the Government do not know exactly how far it has progressed.

(*f*) It is impossible to say how much will be done by 31st March. The Chief Engineer has been given the requisite subordinate staff for the purpose and has been asked to push on with the work.

*Proposed upland drainage scheme for carrying water to Coleroon.*

* 1688 *Q.*—Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is an upland drainage scheme in contemplation by which rain water is proposed to be carried through Vennar and Cauvery to Coleroon;

(*b*) whether the Coleroon embankment is strong enough to stand this additional water;

(*c*) whether the water cannot be carried to Coleroon by syphons under the Cauvery and Vennar;

(*d*) whether the upland drainage water cannot be carried to the sea by the Vattar; and

(*e*) whether the whole or portion of the upland drainage water cannot be utilized for the Valanar project and the Mettur Canal system?

*A.*—The Government have referred the question to the Chief Engineer for report.

*The Pandavayar Improvement scheme.*

* 1689 *Q.*—Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the report of the Revenue Board on the Pandavayar Improvement scheme has been revived; and

(*b*) whether the scheme has been included in the present year's budget?

*A*—(*a*) & (*b*) No.